

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 8, line 26 to page 9, line 8 with the following new paragraph:

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The downloading of the changed attribute may be initiated by the system 100 administrator, periodically, or by a selected event, such as whenever a change to an attribute is made. Thus, for example, after entering the changed attributes of various users in the directory listing 155, the system 100 administrator may enter a command to the directory server 150 instructing the directory server 150 to download the directory listing 155 or only the user information for the users having changed attributes, to the servers 120-140. Alternatively, the system 100 administrator may make the necessary changes [[tot he]] to the directory listing 155 and have the changes downloaded to the servers 120-140 at the next scheduled update of the security parameter lists 170.